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For: POLYMETHINE COMPOUNDS, METHOD OF

PRODUCING SAME, AND USE THEREOF

LETTER RESPONDING TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached is a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section which is submitted to replace the corresponding section in the Amendment Paper filed January 23, 2004. The attached Amendments to the Claims section uses the claim status identifier "Previously Presented" or "Cancelled" which is consistent with the request in the Notice of October 19, 2004.

It is requested that the attached Amendments to the Claims section be entered of record so that examination of the present Reissue Application may proceed.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No.

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32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Amendments to the Claims section

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